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**DURHAM** – Duke wrestling fell to No. 9 Virginia Tech Friday night in Card Gym.

### HOW IT HAPPENED

- Freshman **Connor Barket** made his third appearance for the Blue Devils this season and got his first dual start on Friday, facing No. 23 Hunter Catka in the heavyweight bout.
- Barket previously wrestled in the 197-pound weight class of the Keystone Classic on Nov. 20 and an extra match in the VMI dual on Dec. 4.
- Redshirt-senior **Gabe Dinette** was strong defensively against Virginia Tech's Connor Brady, ranked 26th nationally, staying within four points after the first two periods.
- No. 26 Brady eventually pulled away in the third period with a takedown and accumulated riding time to defeat Dinette in a 12-5 decision.

### UP NEXT

Duke travels to face Virginia Friday in Charlottesville, Va., with action set to begin at 7 p.m. The matchup is set to be featured on the ACC Network as part of the *Friday Night Duals* lineup.

### RESULTS

#### No. 9 Virginia Tech 45, Duke 0

125: Eddie Ventresca (VT) def. Ethan Grimminger (Duke)- Tech Fall (17-2, 3:13)

133: No. 7 Sam Latona (VT) def. Logan Agin (Duke)- MD., 15-5

141: No. 12 Tom Crook (VT) def. Christian Colman (Duke)- MD., 11-2

149: No. 8 Caleb Henson (VT) def. Patrick Rowland (Duke)- Tech Fall (18-3, 5:19)

157: No. 5 Bryce Andonian (VT) def. Logan Ferrero (Duke)- Fall (2:40)

165: No. 26 Connor Brady (VT) def. Gabe Dinette (Duke)- Dec. 12-5

174: Forfeit by Duke

184: Sam Fisher (VT) def. Luke Chakonis (Duke)- MD., 15-6

197: TJ Stewart (VT) def. Brayden Ray (Duke)- MD., 14-6

285: No. 23 Hunter Catka (VT) def. Connor Barket (Duke)- MD., 14-6

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